

Remarks:

A. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct the recitation of the priority data. No new matter has been added by the amendments made above.

B. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended, claims 2-16 and 18-47 have been deleted, and claims 48-55 have been added. Support for new claims 48-57 can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 17, and 48-57, therefore are currently pending. The filing fee has been calculated after amendment of the claims by the preliminary amendment.

C. Conclusion

It is believed that no fee is due with this communication, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/PSPS:004USC1. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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